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Note by the Secretariat

1. At the 2nd plenary meeting of its seventy-second session, held on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly took decisions pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee (see A/72/252).

2. The Committee's attention is drawn to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/72/250 and Corr.1) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees and to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Social development [item 27]:
   (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.
3. Advancement of women [item 28]:
   (a) Advancement of women;
   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 64].

D. Promotion of human rights

5. Report of the Human Rights Council [item 67].
6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 68]:
   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.
7. Rights of indigenous peoples [item 69]:
   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;
   (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]:
   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
9. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 71].

10. Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

11. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 107].

12. International drug control [item 108].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

14. Programme planning [item 137].

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Letter dated 20 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 1 September 2017 on the blocking of the activities of the sole temple of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate by the Russian occupation authorities in Crimea (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Volodymyr **Yelchenko**
Ambassador
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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on blocking the activities of the sole temple of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate by the Russian occupation authorities in Crimea

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine condemns blocking of the activities of the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Princes Vladimir and Olga temple, the sole and only acting temple in Simferopol of the Crimean Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate, by the occupation authorities on August 31, 2017.

The Russian occupation authorities continue their policy aimed at hindering the activities of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate (UOC-KP) on the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and is doing everything possible to stop its activities on the territory of Crimea. The capture of church premises has been carried out on the peninsula, its property is illegally seized, searches are carried out in its premises, and pressure is being exerted on clergymen since the beginning of the occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. Such actions of the occupation authorities are systematic violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, in particular freedom of conscience and religion, norms of international law.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine demands from the Russian Federation to restore unhindered access of the UOC-KP believers to the temple in Simferopol immediately, to stop religious persecution and interference in the activities of the Crimean eparchy of the UOC-KP and to ensure fulfillment of obligations under international law.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls upon the international community, in particular the European Union and its member states, the United States, Canada and other democratic countries, international organizations, in particular the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the OSCE to condemn the attack on the Ukrainian temple in Simferopol.

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I have the honour to transmit herewith the comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 8 September 2017 on the groundless arrest by the FSB of the Russian Federation of a citizen of Ukraine, Pavlo Grib (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the groundless arrest of the FSB of the Russian Federation of a citizen of Ukraine Pavlo Grib

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest to the Russian side on the groundless arrest on August 25, 2017, of the 19-year-old citizen of Ukraine Pavlo Grib and his imprisonment in Krasnodar, the Russian Federation.

The Ministry strongly condemns the persecution by the Russian authorities of citizens of Ukraine in Russia and abroad, the groundless arrests of Ukrainians, violations of their right to a fair trial and condemnations on fabricated politically motivated cases.

Russia's practice of systematical violation the provisions of the Consular Convention between Ukraine and the Russian Federation regarding timely information on the arrests of Ukrainian citizens (within 3 days from the moment of arrest) and condoning the right of the consul of Ukraine to visit an arrested or convicted compatriot is extremely unacceptable. In the case of the arrest of Pavlo Grib, a message from the FSB Office in the Krasnodar as of August 25, 2017, was sent to the Consulate General of Ukraine in Rostov-on-Don by registered letter only on August 31, 2017 and received by the consular post on September 7, 2017 — 14 days after the arrest.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine requires the Russian side to provide immediately access for Ukrainian consuls to arrested Ukrainian citizen Pavlo Grib, comprehensive information on the place, reasons and circumstances of his arrest, conditions of detention and to ensure his immediate return to Ukraine.

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I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 11 September 2017 on the decision of the Crimean occupation authorities in the case of Ahtem Ciygoz (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the MFA of Ukraine on the decision of the Crimean occupation authorities in the case of Ahtem Ciygoz

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over the illegal sentence of Ukrainian citizen Ahtem Ciygoz by the Russian occupation authorities on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea to 8 years of imprisonment.

Ahtem Ciygoz, the Deputy Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, was punished by the Russian occupants for his support of territorial integrity of Ukraine and his fight for human rights. It is yet another manifestation of Russia's repressive policy on the Crimean peninsula, aimed at suppressing dissent voices and opposition to the Kremlin regime, as well as yet another evidence of discrimination against Crimean Tatars.

We demand from the Russian Federation to release Ahtem Ciygoz, to stop repressions against Crimean Tatars and Ukrainians on the territory of the occupied Crimea and to restore the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

We call on the international community to consistently respond to the cynical human rights violations in Crimea and to strengthen the political and diplomatic pressure on the Kremlin in order to ensure the return of the aggressor state to the tenets of international law.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 22 September 2017, on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over yet another shameful act of infringement of the fundamental freedoms and the rights of Ukrainian citizen, journalist Mykola Semena.

The groundless and politically motivated "sentence" of Mykola Semena by the occupation court to 2.5 years in prison with probation proves again that repressions are targeted by the aggressor state against the residents of the occupied Ukrainian territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls upon the foreign governments and international human rights organizations not to leave the new attack by Russia, the aggressor state, against fundamental freedoms on the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea without response.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 25 September 2017, on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Volodymyr **Yelchenko**
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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest with regard to the Moscow City Court's decision as of September 25, 2017, on the two months extension of detention of Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia under the fabricated charges.

The unjustified detention of Ukrainian journalist in the Russian Federation under politically motivated charges of espionage is yet another proof of the absence of a justice system and the right to a fair trial in this country.

We call on the international community, international human rights institutions to take all possible legal, political and economic measures to release and return to Ukraine its citizens, who are illegally detained on the territory of Russia under fabricated, politically motivated charges.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)"

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine welcomes the thematic report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights "Situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" launched on September 25. This report is a result of the hard fact finding work on the systematic violations of human rights by the Russian Federation in the illegally occupied Crimea, the logical summarizing and generalization of human rights violations recorded and documented by OHCHR during the period from February 2014 to September 2017.

The scale of internationally wrongful acts and human rights violations committed by the Russian occupation authorities in the Crimea prove that the Russian Federation blatantly violates its international legal obligations under The Hague and Geneva Conventions. In addition to the facts of explicit crimes committed by the occupation authorities in the Crimea against the Crimean Tatars, Ukrainians and all those who continue to bravely oppose the Russian occupation, the report contains a number of specific cases of illegal detention, enforced disappearances and abductions, extrajudicial executions and other violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms.

We proceed from the premises that the report is the first step towards the systematic implementation of the provisions of the UNGA Resolution 71/205, which, together with the GA Resolution 68/262, are the basic documents that confirm the territorial integrity of Ukraine, condemn the temporary occupation the part of Ukraine's territory — AR Crimea and Sevastopol — by the Russian Federation, and they do not recognize the annexation of the peninsula.

We emphasize once again, that only with the comprehensive implementation of the above-mentioned UNGA resolutions and the consolidation of international pressure on Russia as an occupying power, one can achieve a partial improvement of the human rights situation, including the implementation by Russia of the order of the International Court of Justice in case Ukraine vs the Russian Federation regarding the application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Ukraine, at all stages of the preparation of the report, supported the OHCHR and the UN Human Rights Mission in Ukraine activities, having spared no effort to ensure that the Mission's experts were able to access the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea. Unfortunately, contrary to the requirements of the Resolution 71/205 and the numerous calls of the international community, this time the Russian Federation has once again ignored the UN mandate. As a result, the UN observers have been prevented from visiting the occupied territory of the peninsula.

Ensuring permanent direct international monitoring of the situation by the existing conventional and institutional mechanisms of the United Nations and other international organizations that, among other factors, will play a role of the control mechanism to monitor Russia's compliance with its obligations as an occupying

power, in accordance with international humanitarian law, remains one of the priorities of the international democratic community.

We call upon the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner of the United Nations to continue their efforts to fully implement Resolution 71/205.

We expect that the international community will continue the systematic pressure on the Russian Federation with the aim to end the violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the illegally occupied Crimea as well as to achieve the de-occupation of the peninsula.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal sentencing of the Deputy Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ilmi Umerov (see annex).

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal sentencing of the Deputy Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ilmi Umerov

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest against the criminal, illegal and politically motivated sentence towards one of the leaders of Crimea Tatars' national movement, Deputy Head of Mejlis Mr. Ilmi Umerov, whom the Kremlin's occupation authorities ordered to imprison for 2 years in penal settlement. The sentence looks especially cynical taking into account Mr. Umerov's age and the state of health. The lack of proper health assistance in imprisonment may lead to catastrophic consequences for him.

In spite of international pressure, Russia continues to exercise its shameful policy of oppression against independent leaders of the occupied Crimea, including Crimea Tatars, with a view of intimidating all pro-Ukrainian community of the peninsula. The Russian occupants do not only commit the gross violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms, but also ignore the relevant decisions taken by the international institutions, in particular UN General Assembly Resolution "Situation of Human Rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)" of 19 December 2016 and the International Court of Justice Order on the Provisional Measures within the claim of Ukraine against Russia on the application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls on international partners of Ukraine to properly assess this illegal and politically motivated decision as well as to demand from Russia to immediately release Mr. Umerov. Only strong international political solidarity strengthened with economic sanctions is able to counter the Kremlin's criminal and aggressive policy as well as to stop the full destruction of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the temporarily occupied Crimean peninsula.